



Rep. Richard DeBolt, R-Chehalis



Rep. Richard DeBolt was first elected as a state representative in 1996, serving the 20th District, which includes a southern section of Thurston County, most of Lewis and Cowlitz counties, and the northern tip of Clark County. Richard was the House Republican Leader in 2004, and from 2006-2013, and continues to work hard to create and maintain an open and honest flow of communication between his constituents and the government. He is the ranking Republican on the Capital Budget Committee, assistant ranking for Technology and Economic Development, and also serves on the Health Care and Wellness Committee.

A former director for the Chehalis-Centralia Chamber, Richard is currently employed with NW Innovation Works as their director of external relations. A native of Tacoma, he traveled extensively during his youth while his father served in the military. He attended school in Germany and England, earning his BA in International Relations from the University of Wyoming.

Richard and his wife, Amy, live in Chehalis. Amy is an elementary school teacher. They have a daughter, Sophie and a son, Austin.

EDUCATION:

BA, International Relations, University of Wyoming
Attended school in Germany and England

OCCUPATION:

Director of External Relations, NW Innovation Works
Former Environment Project Director, ICF International
Former Director, USA External Relations, TransAlta
Former Director of The Chehalis-Centralia Chamber

LEADERSHIP ASSIGNMENTS:

Republican Leader, 2004, 2006-2013
Deputy Republican Leader, 2003

Richard's Committee Assignments: [Capital Budget](#) (ranking Republican), [Technology and Economic Development](#) (assistant ranking Republican), [Health Care and Wellness](#)

Republican Floor Leader, 2001-2002
Assistant Republican Whip, 1997-2000

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES:

To create an open and honest flow of communication between my constituents and government.

AWARDS:

Association of Washington Business (AWB) Cornerstone Award
Washington Farm Bureau “Friend of Farm Bureau” Award
National Federation of Small Business (NFIB) Guardian of Small Business Award
Henry Tolls Fellow 2001 Recipient
American Council of Young Political Leaders Delegation (ACYPL) 1999

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Boys & Girls Club of Thurston County
Fraternal Order of Elks
Member of Lewis County Historical Society
United Way of Lewis County Officer-At-Large
Member of Bethel Assembly of God Church